

No. 7171 號四十七百零千七第 日三初月壹十年辰庚緒光 HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 1890. 六拜禮 號四月二十英 港香 [PRICE \$2] PER MONTH.

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THEATRE  ROYAL.

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

SIGNOR CAGLI'S
NEW AND MUCH AUGMENTED
ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY.

THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.
December 4th, 1880.
SIXTH SUBSCRIPTION NIGHT,
will be produced
DOXENNETT'S POPULAR OPERA,
"L. A. FAVORIT A".

ON MONDAY, Dec. 6th.
SEVENTH SUBSCRIPTION NIGHT,
will be produced
FLETCHER'S CHARMING OPERA
"MARTHA".

PRICES OF ADMISSION.

Family Tickets, to admit Three	\$7.
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Back Sails \$1.
 Doors open at 8.30 P.M., to commence at 9 P.M.
 Seats may be secured and Tickets obtained at
 KELLY and WALKER'S.
 Hongkong, 3rd December, 1880. [1880]
 FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Steamship
 "CHINKIANG,"
 Captain S. M. Orr, will be despatched for the
 above Port TO-DAY (Saturday), the 4th inst.
 at Four P.M.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 R. S. SÆMSEN & Co.
 Hongkong, 3rd December, 1880. [1880]
 FOR HOIHOW, PAKHOI, AND
 HAIPHONG.
THE Steamship
 "PING-ON,"
 Captain MacGavin, will be despatched for the
 above Ports on MONDAY, the 6th instant, at
 Six o'clock P.M.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1889. [1875]

KOW LOON HOTEL
Pleasantly situated on Kowloon Peninsula
BOWLING ALLEYS AND BILLIARD
TABLE.
REFRESHMENTS BEST QUALITY ONLY.
J. WETEGROVE.
Hongkong, 4th December, 1889. [18187]

J. M. J. P. COLLACIO begs to announce
that he has from this date opened a
MILKING AND ICE-MAKING STORE in the
temporary premises on the ground floor of Hongkong
Hotel (facing QUEEN'S ROAD), where a great
variety of **FOOTS, BOMBONS, CHRISTMAS**
PIECES, **CANDLES** and **GENTLEMEN'S RE**
QUISITE will be found.
Hongkong, 4th December, 1889. [1875]

FOR SALE.
CUTLER, PALMER & Co.
WELL-KNOWN
BRANDY (*****)
WHISKY (Finest Highland Malt),
CLARETS and **CHAMPAGNE**

HONGKONG, 2nd December, 1880. (1880)
FOR SALE.
THE BUNGALOW of the Undersigned of
 POKEOON, containing Three large
 Rooms, Dining Room 30 by 30 feet, Parlor
 and Billiard Room 30 by 30 feet, Kitchen,
 and several Stables, Coach house, Cook
 rooms, and usual Servants' Quarters, the whole
 substantially built.
 The Grounds contain 161 acres.
 For Particulars, apply to
 HONGKONG, 2nd December, 1880. (1880)
TENDERS WANTED, FOR RAISING THE
 Steamship "BRAEMAR," CASTLE,
 sunk in Peking Harbour on the 28th ultimo,
 about 9 to 10 fathoms of water, and by later
 accounts still in an upright position.
 The undersigned would like to know the
 value of the vessel only, when raised, for which
 the work can be undertaken, and the declared
 percentage must include all claims.
 The undersigned is now engaged on and be-
 fore the 10th proximo, with Messrs. SAND-
 LANDS, BUTTERY & CO., who do not bind them

sales to accept the lowest or any Tender.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th November, 1880. [1880]

WANTED, a Copy of the CHRONICLE
AND DIRECTORY FOR 1867, Appli-
at "DAILY PRESS" Office.
Hongkong, 26th November, 1880. [1880]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE
AGENTS of the ELLIOTT'S METAL
COMPANY, Birmingham for Hongkong and
China.

NEBELCHER & Co.,
Hongkong, 14th September, 1880. [1880]

MILLAR & CO.
PLUMBERS, GASFITTERS,
COFFERSMITHS, & BRASSFOUNDERS,
OFFICE AND WAREHOUSE—FLETCHER'S
BUILDINGS, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.
WORKS—SPRING GARDENS, WANCHOW.

FONG,

PHOTOGRAPHY.
By Appointment to H. R. Sir ARTHUR KERR
SIRY, H. E. ALEX. RYDOW and H. H. THORP
GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA, having re-
tained from his tour to Peking and the Northern
Ports, has now the satisfaction to offer to
the public a series of photographs of the
EXPOSITION OF VIEWS, that any other in the
Empire, A Panorama of HOTHOW, and VIEW
of the surrounding country, including KRON-
STADT, have recently been added to the above.
The photographs are of the most artistic
and high faith, painted by native artists under
careful supervision, from \$7.
D. K. GRIFFITH holds authority to SIGN.
STUDIO, QUEEN'S ROAD,
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YEARS, and has never had a branch establish-
ment anywhere. All Orders for Goods have been
executed under our own supervision and the best
materials used.

We have always enjoyed the patronage and
confidence of the Gentry and Merchants of

Hongkong and Ports near and far; but now we are afraid that no another firm has lately been started having a SIMILAR HONG NAME, our Customers may be misled and indeed to think it is identical with ours.

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SUN SHING,
Fancy Goods and Silks Shop,
02, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
Opposite the former site of the Chartered Bank
Hongkong, 8th April, 1960. [817]

NOTICE.

THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY
FOR CHINA, JAPAN, &c., &c.
For 1881.
(With which has been incorporated "The
China Directory.")

This Work is now being prepared for publication. Additions and improvements are being made to render it more valuable as a Commercial Guide.

These Firms who have not yet returned the Printed Forms which have been sent to them to fill up would oblige by doing so as EARLY as possible.

The Publishers would be glad to receive New Orders, or those to whom Printed Forms have not been forwarded, would send in their Names and Addresses.

Terms for ADVERTISEMENTS may be learned on application at the Office.

Daily Press Office, November 20th, 1880.

NOTICE.

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CHEMISTS.

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
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HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

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Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed "The Editor," and those on business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

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Correspondents are requested to forward their name and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

Advertisements which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued at still continued.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 4th, 1880.

A MEMORIAL from the Governor of Kwangsi to the Imperial Government of Peking, reproduced in another column, is interesting as showing to what shifts the provincial Governments in China are sometimes put to make their revenue suffice for the expenditure. Not only does the present centralizing policy of the Peking Authorities tend to diminish the revenue of the provincial administrations, but the interests of the different provinces not unfrequently clash, and a sort of competition goes on between them, by which one attracts a certain branch of trade from another. Thus we see it is stated by the memorialist that the taxes on Kwangsi salt are collected by the Salt Commissioner of Kwangtung before it reaches the province. The salt depots in Kwangsi were destroyed during the rebellion, and the revenue from this source has yearly fallen into deplorable arrears. The Authorities meantime content themselves with making good the deficit from the *lebia* receipts. The memorialist has no better suggestion to make than that this plan should be continued. As a matter of fact, the people will not readily submit to increased taxation, and the mandarins know that their heavy exactions would have to be considerably curtailed if any effort were made to add to the burdens of the people. There is a limit to the endurance of the Chinese, and the mandarins, as a rule, know pretty well when this has been reached. The people are prepared to pay exactions to a certain extent; they are looked upon by the victims as matters of course; but any attempt to augment direct taxation on any staple article kindles sudden and fierce resentment, often ending in sanguinary riots.

In would appear, from the Reuter's telegram just received, that the Greek Government have grown thoroughly tired of playing the waiting game. When the Treaty of Berlin was signed, little heed was paid to the claims of Greece, although the Liberal journals advocated them, and Liberal politicians did not hesitate to denounce a settlement which left what they declared to be the legitimate aspirations of the Hellenic Kingdom unsatisfied. And, in truth, this always appeared a weak point in the Berlin arrangement. On the accession of the Liberal party in England to office and power, they joined with France in urging on the Porte the desirability and justice of making a territorial concession to Greece and rectifying her frontier. The Greeks were induced to believe that the Powers had at length taken up their cause and that of their fellow countrymen in Thessaly and Epirus. The long-undulged dream of enlarged borders, they naturally thought, was about to be fulfilled, and great preparations were commenced to support their claims by force of arms of necessity. But the "European Concert" epitomized the shilly-shally and Greek was somewhat shakily thrown over by England and France. It was folly, and worse, to encourage the Greeks to expect assistance in forcing their claims on Turkey, and then to coolly retreat from the position and tell them that they must be content to wait until some indefinite period for their share of the Sick Man's possessions. The aforesaid Sick Man is not at all inclined to give up the ghost, even at the bidding of a "European Concert"; still less is he disposed to yield any territory to a rival nationality. The Porte may be faithless and unimprovable, Turkish officials may be hopelessly venal and corrupt, and the system of Ottoman administration rotten to the very core; but all that will not excuse the want of faith shown by the signatories to the Treaty of Berlin in

neglecting to enforce the stipulations of that agreement on all parties. Whilst attempts have been made to coerce the Turk, the Russian has been permitted to practically evade complying with certain provisions of the Treaty. The Bessarabian Government made a great mistake in not espousing the cause of Greece, which country is inimical to Slavonic ascendancy in the Balkan peninsula, and the Gladstone Administration has perpetrated a far worse blunder since by playing into the hands of Russia. Foiled for the moment by the action of the Great Powers, who practically turn up the memorable Treaty of San Stefano, Russia has still managed, by diplomacy and intrigue, to gain substantial influence, if not actual dominion, in the Balkan States. In Bulgaria, indeed, the Slavonic influence is paramount. It is probably through Russia's machinations that Greece, in whom the former sees a possible rival for the possession of Constantinople, has been left out in the cold. It is deeply to be regretted that England should have been involved into a Russian entanglement, through which her interests are apt to be betrayed and sacrificed. British and Russian interests do not run parallel, and sooner or later—and it cannot be very long—the slender agreement patched up between them by Mr. Gladstone must fall to pieces. The first consequence of this ill-chosen alliance seems destined to be a new war in Eastern Europe, the limit of which it is of course impossible to fix. Some of the London papers express the opinion that the Ottoman Government are still strong enough to crush any Greek invasion, but it must not be forgotten that the territory likely to be invaded is inhabited chiefly by Greeks, who would flock to the standard of King George. Moreover, it is probable that the commencement of hostilities would be the signal for a fresh insurrection in Northern Albania, while the Bulgarians in Roumelia would hardly hesitate to seize the opportunity to raise the standard of revolt. Altogether it seems evident that the cessation of Delugeau has not put an end to the difficulties of the Eastern Question, but has tended rather to hasten matters to a crisis.

The British *brigade* left Newcastle, N.S.W., for Shanghai, with a cargo of coal, on the 4th inst.

The British *brigade* *William Macdon*, which arrived at Sydney, N.S.W., on the 15th October from Foochow with a cargo of tea, left Sydney for Shanghai on the 4th inst.

Our Shanghai morning contemporary understands that the American steamer *Mayo* will change her flag on her return to Shanghai, and will afterwards proceed to San Francisco, via Canton.

We learn from Messrs. Douglas Laupack & Co. that they have received information that the unknown rock on which the steamer *Douglas* struck in the Gulf of Hainan Straits has been found by the gunboat *Mayo*. No further particulars are given, but details are expected by the next steamer from Amoy.

Captain Auerbach, of the Chinese, appears (says the *Shanghai Courier*) to be in luck as regards his *Shanghai* business. He has already been presented with a complimentary check on the 25th November. Some Chinese gave him another, for his kindness in taking to Hongkong the body of a passenger who had died on the voyage. They also forwarded him a letter conveying their expressions of thanks and gratitude for his kindness.

We are glad to hear that the Choral Society intend to continue to give performances of an "Oratorio" as well as a "Concert." The question was discussed at a recent meeting of the society, when a few of the members expressed their disapproval of the former and wished the society to devote itself entirely to the cultivation of choral music. The society, however, was overruled by a very large majority who saw no occasion for sacrificing either. We understand that during the present season "H.M.S. Pinafore" will be repeated, and later on "Les Cloches de Corneville" will be produced.

Mr. Tanaka Shizuo, of Miyagawa-ji, proposes to establish a gas company for lighting the streets of Kioto with gas. In April last he obtained a license from the authorities, and at his request Mr. Ito, the city chemist, has been allowed to supervise the erection of the works. A commencement was made on the 25th November with the usual ceremony. The city has been divided into five districts, in each of which works have been erected capable of producing sufficient gas to supply 10,000 street lamps. The shareholders in the company, which is styled the Kwangsi Gas Company, are numbered by the thousands. Each share represents five hundred yen, and it is reported that the East and West Hongkong, the railway station, and several other prominent buildings will be lighted with gas.

THE ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

The fifth performance of Signor Capri's Italian Opera Company was given on Thursday night, and the series was varied by the production of Ricci's *Comico Opera* "Crispino e la Comare." There was a fairly good house, considering that three operas have been given in four nights and that St. Andrew's Hall intervened. The plot of "Crispino," which is flimsy in structure, and not very interesting, being founded upon a slightly incongruous and wholly impossible story, turns upon the assistance given by a fairy to the Cobbler at a time when he is in extreme poverty. Crispino's wife utters, after a fruitless effort to sell the bolts in the streets of Venice, lamenting the poverty of which they are the victims, and mutual coarctations together with the pressure of his creditors drive the Cobbler to suicide; but, just as he is about to take a leap in a well, a fairy appears and prevents the execution of his design, ultimately leaving him in possession of a bag of gold, after having informed him that he will henceforth be a great doctor and will make a large fortune. The fairy appears, and with which he is called to patient who will be present (not visible only to him) if the patient is to die; if, on the other hand, she does not present herself, he may rely upon the patient's recovery. By these means the new doctor effects some extraordinary cures, or rather his prognostications, which always turn out correct, are remarkable—and he soon gains fame and fortune. But he is a cobbler in origin, and does not content himself with propriety, for he takes an entire fortune and then, having made his fortune, he is taken down to his residence, but being frightened out of his wits he makes all sorts of promises for future amendment, and the libretto is sufficiently lively to excite the audience's interest. The opera is full of genius, and contains duets, trios, and ensembles of undoubted merit; none of the concerted numbers being of considerable constructive power and technical excellence, although one or two hold their own to the admiration of the audience, but on the whole it is sufficiently attractive to be interesting to all ordinary lovers of music. The production

of "Crispino" gave to Signor Capri the first appearance to a Hongkong audience, and he very soon established himself in favor with the house. He possesses a voice, which is most capable of being raised to a high level, and of sufficient power, and his power was evident when, in the ensemble of a scene, he dominated, though not disagreeably, as those of the other artists. He is a capital tenor, and possesses a powerful and melodious voice. The libretto of the Italian Opera, if somewhat conventional, is usually good, and what it may be fairly said of Signor Capri, that both his singing and his acting are of a high order. His performance of the part entrusted to her on Thursday, by the exercise of legitimate art and remarkable natural gifts, must completely instill in the audience a high opinion of his talent. 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